

ABSTRACT

A separate device or subsystem which contains its own processor is coupled to a host computer system and operates using specific information stored in the host system. The separate device, which may be management logic, requests the host system-specific information from the host system prior to run-time (e.g., during POST). The requested information is generally information in the form of industry standard tables that are present in the host system and used by the operating system. In addition, the separate device may have a battery to keep it operational even when the host system is non-operational. Because the separate device has information about its host, such information can be provided to external devices even when the host system is non-operational.